Laying of new rail line between Namkom to Kandra

†1896. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work with regard to technical-economic survey for laying of railway line from Namkom to Kandra has been completed to minimise distance between Ranchi-Tatanagar in Jharkhand;

(b) by when the work on this project is likely to be initiated; and

(c) the details of the other railway line in Jharkhand for which the survey is being conducted apart from the said survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The survey for construction of a new line between Kandra and Namkom has been completed. The taking up of work on this project would depend upon further decision on the survey report.

(c) Following surveys other than Kandra-Namkom new line survey are in progress in Jharkhand:—

Surveys for new lines between Hazaribagh-Garwa Road, Gaya-Daltonganj (via Imamganj), Nawadah-Giridih (via Satgawan) & Lohardaga-Gumla with extension up to Simdega and surveys for 3rd lines between Chakradharpur-Bondamunda & Kharagpur-Jharsuguda.

Vacancies in security grade

†1897. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 78000 posts of security grade are lying vacant in Railways;

(b) the effect of this situation on Railways' security system; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for filling up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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